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((REPORT ON "EXCLUSIVE" INTERVIEW WITH MU'AMMAR AL-QADHDHAFI, CHAIRMAN OF THE REVOLUTION COMMAND COUNCIL OF LIBYA, BY DPA CORRESPONDENT OLOF VON RANDOW--DATE NOT GIVEN))
((TEXT)) TRIPOLI--MU'AMMAR AL-QADHDHAFI, CHAIRMAN OF THE REVOLUTION COMMAND COUNCIL OF LIBYA, HAS DENIED REPORTS THAT THE SOVIET UNION HAS ACQUIRED RIGHTS TO BASES IN HIS COUNTRY. DURING A STOP AT WADI 'AYN KHAM, SOME 200 KILOMETERS EAST OF TRIPOLI WHERE THE DPA CORRESPONDENT HAD FOLLOWED HIM, AL-QADHDHAFI AFFIRMED THAT THE SOVIET UNION HAD NEVER ASKED HIM FOR RIGHTS IN LIBYAN PORTS FOR HER MEDITERRANEAN FLEET. HOWEVER, HE DID ADMIT THAT THOUSANDS OF LIBYANS WERE IN THE SOVIET UNION FOR MILITARY TRAINING.
ASKED ABOUT HIS EXTENSIVE AIRCRAFT AND TANK PURCHASES FROM THE SOVIET UNION, WHICH IN THE OPINION OF WESTERN EXPERTS FAR EXCEED THE NEEDS OF THE 2.5 MILLION LIBYANS, AL-QADHDHAFI REPLIED: "THESE ARE SILLY QUESTIONS. WE BUY AIRCRAFT, TANKS AND OTHER WEAPONS FOR EXACTLY THE SAME REASONS AS OTHER COUNTRIES." AND HE ADDED: "IN COUNTRIES POSSESSING ATOM BOMBS, THE NUCLEAR POTENTIAL DOES NOT ALWAYS RELATE TO THEIR SIZE."
AL-QADHDHAFI ADMITTED THAT HE NOT ONLY WANTED TO EXPORT THE LIBYAN REVOLUTION TO OTHER ARAB AND ISLAMIC COUNTRIES, BUT ALSO THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE WORLD. EACH REVOLUTION WAS A "CHANGE FOR THE BETTER," HE SAID.
ASKED ABOUT THE STRAINED RELATIONS WITH HIS NEIGHBORS EGYPT AND TUNISIA AND ABOUT THE ARRESTS OF ALLEGED KIDNAPPERS AND MURDER SQUADS FROM LIBYA IN BOTH COUNTRIES, AL-QADHDHAFI SAID THAT THESE RELATIONS WERE NOT DETERMINED BY THE ALLEGED ARREST OF SOME LIBYANS, BUT BY THE ANTAGONISM BETWEEN PROGRESS AND REACTION AND BETWEEN THE PURSUIT OF NARROW NATIONAL INTERESTS AND THE TREND TOWARD ARAB UNITY.
ALTHOUGH DIFFERENT QUARTERS MAINTAIN THAT LIBYA SUPPORTS

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RADICAL MUSLEM MILITIA IN THE LEBANESE CIVIL WAR, AL-QADHDHAFI SPOKE OUT DURING THE INTERVIEW AGAINST ANY FOREIGN INTERVENTION IN LEBANON. THE CIVIL WAR WAS AN INTERNAL AFFAIR OF THE LEBANESE AND THE RESULT OF SOCIAL AND POLITICAL CONTRADICTIONS.

ON THE MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT, AL-QADHDHAFI EMPHASIZED THAT FOR HIM THERE WAS NO SUCH THING AS ISRAEL, BUT ONLY PALESTINE OCCUPIED BY THE ISRAELIS. HE HAD ALWAYS SUPPORTED THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE RETURNING TO ITS HOMELAND, "EITHER THROUGH PEACE OR WAR." HOWEVER, IT SEEMED IMPOSSIBLE TO HIM THAT A WHOLE PEOPLE, WHICH HAD BEEN EXPELLED FROM ITS HOMELAND, COULD RETURN THERE THROUGH PEACEFUL MEANS.

REPLYING TO A QUESTION ABOUT WHETHER HE VIEWED THE EUROPEAN-ARAB DIALOG AS A MEANS OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION OR AS AN INSTRUMENT WITH WHICH THE ARABS COULD EXERT PRESSURE ON EUROPE TO STOP SUPPORTING ISRAEL, AL-QADHDHAFI SAID THAT IF THE EUROPEAN WANTED A GENUINE AND USEFUL DIALOG, THEY SHOULD REMOVE ALL OBSTACLES STANDING IN THE WAY OF THIS. THE ARABS WOULD NEVER COOPERATE WITH THOSE COOPERATING WITH THEIR ENEMY, ISRAEL.

ASKED IN THIS CONNECTION ABOUT ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN LIBYA AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, WHICH HAVE BEEN EXCELLENT FOR A LONG TIME, AL-QADHDHAFI SAID THAT LIBYA HAD ALWAYS STRIVED TO SEPARATE ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL QUESTIONS, ESPECIALLY WITH GERMANY. THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC COULD HELP IN THE BUILDING OF THE LIBYA ECONOMY, AND WAS ALREADY PARTICIPATING TO A GREAT DEGREE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF LIBYA. GERMAN FIRMS WERE BUILDING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, POWER STATIONS, AGRICULTIRAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS AND HOSPITALS. 071415 WILSON/JC 07/1920Z JUN

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